

that is why we must repeal ObamaCare.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. KENNEDY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week. A month ago this very day, those of us from Massachusetts had every reason to be proud of our first responders and our police officers. Over the course of that week, I heard from so many of my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, who said how proud they were to be Americans because of the response that our law enforcement officials took in reaction to the marathon bombings.

It is not just in disasters, however, that our first responders and our police officers answer the call. I want to recognize Sergeant Michael Murphy from Brookline and Sergeant Jim Machado from Fall River, who are here this week.

As a former prosecutor, you realize every day that the routine is anything but. Every time a car is stopped, every call that a police officer responds to, they literally put their life on the line.

We need to only remember the acts of MIT Officer Sean Collier to recognize how dangerous the job is that they perform each and every day to enforce our laws and to keep us and our neighbors safe. And so, as a Member of the Fourth District of Massachusetts and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I want to take a brief moment to all of our police officers and say thank you.

ACTIONS OF TREASURY SECRETARY AND THE IRS COMMISSIONER FALL ON PRESIDENT'S SHOULDERS

(Mr. HUELSKAMP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Madam Speaker, on Monday, President Obama claimed that the IRS was an "independent agency." Mr. President, that is not true. As your chart shows, the President can remove both the Treasury Secretary and the IRS Commissioner at will. They both serve at the pleasure of President Barack Obama.

In recent weeks, months, and perhaps years, President Obama has increasingly claimed little or no responsibility for the actions of his administration. Whether it is the Benghazi cover-ups, the ObamaCare failures, or this targeting of conservative groups by the IRS, President Obama has flipped the moniker of President Truman on its head. Instead of "the buck stops here," Obama's theme has become "the buck never stops here."

The evidence is clear. The IRS targeted Tea Party and other conservative

groups, and the IRS Commissioner knew about it. This gross misuse of political power is an absolute outrage.

Mr. President, the IRS Commissioner and the Treasury Secretary serve at your will, and thus, the responsibility for their outrageous actions falls squarely on your shoulders.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, are you kidding me? Taking food out of the mouths of hungry children—is that the reason that any of us would come to Congress? But that is exactly what the farm bill that's being considered today does. It takes food out of the mouths of hungry children.

Not only will 1 million children lose their SNAP funding—the money that puts food on the table—but 200,000 of them will also lose their school lunches. This in the richest country in the world? This in the name of deficit reduction? This in a country where already tens of millions of children go to sleep hungry?

There's not a district in this Nation, there's not a Member of Congress who doesn't have constituents who have to line up at a food pantry because otherwise they and their children would go to sleep hungry. This is the most incredibly mean-spirited piece of legislation.

I urge a "no" vote on the \$20 billion cut in SNAP.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and to celebrate the many contributions of this vibrant community to Nevada's First District and to the country at large.

Asian Pacific Americans comprise the fastest-growing minority group in Las Vegas, having doubled in size between 2000 and 2010. Along Spring Mountain Road, we find the Chinatown Plaza, built in 1995 by Mr. and Mrs. James Chen; Korea Town, developed by Mr. Hae Un Lee and Mr. James Yu; and hundreds of Thai, Chinese, Japanese, and Vietnamese restaurants, markets, and shops that enrich our society and enhance our economy.

Along Maryland Parkway is a flourishing Filipino district, and numerous cultural festivals are held across the valley throughout the year featuring music, dance, costumes, and food from the thriving Asian Pacific community.

As we celebrate APA Heritage Month, let us acknowledge the value immigrants bring to our lives every

day and recognize how much we all stand to gain by enacting immigration reform that honors our country's legacy as the "land of opportunity."

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I stand here today because the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, SNAP, is not a form of government waste. There is nothing wasteful about a program that, through providing modest assistance to low-income families, has nearly eliminated severe hunger in the United States of America.

The average SNAP benefit provides only \$1.40 per meal. Already, this forces many seniors and families with young children to skip meals throughout the week or face a shortage in food by the end of the month. We already know that children who go hungry are more likely to struggle in school and face serious health problems and less likely to escape poverty as adults.

The GOP's proposed cuts to SNAP of \$20 billion amount to punishing children who struggle with hunger that is beyond their control. Don't we have a national interest in protecting families who are struggling to feed themselves?

Our budget is a moral document. And, Madam Speaker, there is nothing moral about abandoning America's families and American children who are struggling with hunger.

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PASS THE AMERICAN JOBS ACT NOW

(Ms. WILSON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, it has now been 864 days since I arrived in Congress, and the Republican leadership has still not allowed a single vote on serious legislation to address our unemployment crisis. We need to pass the American Jobs Act now. It deserves a vote.

Unemployment is now higher than the 7.5 percent we hear about in the news. Another full percent of the workforce can find only short-term, unreliable work. Another half percent has stopped looking because there is no opportunity. Another 5 percent is stuck working part-time when they want full-time work. So our real unemployment rate is closer to 14 percent.

Madam Speaker, these people are not lazy. It's this Congress that's lazy. We are doing nothing to create opportunity for Americans who are suffering. Our mantra should be: jobs, jobs, jobs.